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150. The number of persons fined was 73,620 (73,474). The amount of fine imposed and realised was Rs. 7,11,256 and Rs. 5,52,322 respectively.

Courts in Bellary District.

151. The number of Criminal Courts in the District was 11 during the year.

Sessions Cases.

152. Seventeen Sessions Cases involving 33 persons were disposed of during the year.

Criminal Appeals.

153. Out of 50 criminal appeals involving 61 persons for disposal, 41 appeals involving 51 persons were disposed of during the year, leaving nine appeals involving ten persons pending at the end of the year.

Revision

154. Only one revision petition was filed during the year and it was disposed of.

Courts of other Magistrates.

155. There were in all 17,019 cases for disposal before the Magistrates. Of these, 16,148 cases were disposed of leaving 871 cases pending at the end of the year.

Appeals.

156. Out of the 132 appeals for disposal, 112 were disposed of, leaving 20 appeals pending at the end of the year.

(v) Civil Justice

157. The Jurisdiction of the High Court was the same as in the previous year.

158. The number of First Appeals instituted during the year was 210 (including 2 refiled) as against 356 in the previous year.

159. Including 1,134 appeals pending from the previous year, there were for disposal 1,344 as against 1,180 appeals in the previous year. The number of appeals disposed of was 620 of the aggregate value of Rs. 16,70,418 as against 46 of the aggregate value of Rs. 3,27,823 in the previous year.

Average duration.

160. The average duration of 620 appeals disposed of during the year was 800·3 (864·19) days.

161. The number of Second Appeals filed during the year was 560 including 1 refiled (614).

162. Including 1,022 appeals pending from the previous year the total number of Second Appeals for disposal was 1,582 (1,524). The number of appeals disposed of was 301 (504). Second appeals Disposed.

163. The average duration of 301 Second Appeals disposed of was 403·9 (302·45) days.

164. Including 57 Miscellaneous Appeals pending from the previous year, there were 137 (118) appeals for disposal, out of which 88 (61) appeals were disposed of, leaving a balance of 49 (57) at the end of the year. Miscellaneous Appeals.

165. The number of Civil Revision Petitions pending at the beginning of the year was 447. The number filed was 751 (629) making a total of 1,198 petitions for disposal during the year. Of these 437 (529) were disposed of, leaving 761 (447) petitions pending at the end of the year. Civil Revision Petitions.

166. Out of 388 (245) writ petitions for disposal, 169 (114,) were disposed of, leaving 219 (131) petitions pending at the end of the year. Writ Petitions.

167. Excluding the Courts in Bellary District, the number of Courts subordinate to the High Court in the State was 50 (48). Courts Subordinate to the High Court.

168. The Court of the Subordinate Judge, Civil Station, was made permanent with effect from 1st January 1956 and was invested with jurisdiction in respect of the trial of small cause suits of the value not exceeding Rs. 500 and of original suits of the value exceeding Rs. 2,500 but not exceeding Rs. 10,000 in the said area.

169. The Court of the Special First Class Magistrate, Tiptur was abolished from 1st November 1955 and the Court of the Munsiff, Tiptur was converted into a Munsiff Magistrates' Court from the said date.

170. The total receipts of the Courts subordinate to the High Court were Rs. 19,58,573 (Rs. 19,74,369) and the expenditure Rs. 16,15,522 (Rs. 16,61, 600).

171. The total number of both original and small cause suits instituted during the year was 28,927 (excluding 1,107 refiled and remanded suits). On the original side the institution of suits were 19,265 (20,109) and on the small cause side 9,662 (8,924). The number of original suits instituted in the District Courts was 223 (174). In the Subordinate Judges' Courts it was 706 (802) and in the Munsiffs' Courts it was 18,336 (19,133). Institution and disposal of suits.

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Disposal of suits.

172. The total number of ordinary suits disposed of was 20,820 (20,473). The number of small cause suits disposed of was 9,775 (9,300).

Pendency of suits.

173. The number of suits pending (both original and small cause) at the end of the year was 11,207 (11,768).

174. The average duration of contested suits was 316·8 (306·73) days and of uncontested suits was 66·7 (64·67) days. The average duration of contested ordinary suits was 346·3 (331·31) days and of small cause suits 180·4 (198·23) days.

175. Out of 6,309 (5,777) cases filed during the year, 6,130 (6,019) were disposed of, leaving a balance of 2,794 (2,615) cases to be disposed of at the end of the year.

Execution of Decrees.

176. The number of execution applications filed was 35,636 (32,841). The number disposed of was 35,375 (32,911) and the number left pending was 14,416 (14,155). The number of cases pending over one year was 733 (774). The total amount realised in execution of decrees was Rs. 39,11,243 (Rs. 30,19,681).

Insolvency Applications.

177. There were 270 (291) insolvency applications for disposal, of which 150 (166) were disposed of. In 62 cases, receivers were appointed. The amount realised out of the insolvents' assets was Rs. 23,372 (Rs. 18,248), and the amount disbursed to creditors was Rs. 12,534 (Rs. 14,557).

Appellate work.

178. The number of Regular Appeals for disposal during the year was 4,809 (4,329). The number filed was 2,951 (2,684). The number disposed of was 1,747 (1,668) and 943 (803) appeals were transferred to other courts for disposal. The average duration of appeals disposed of was 297·5 (224·34) days.

Miscellaneous Appeals.

179. There were 572 (507) Miscellaneous Appeals, of which 375 (324) were disposed of, leaving 197 appeals (183) at the end of the year. The average duration of appeals disposed of was 188·5 (188·67) days.

180. The total receipts and expenditure of the Civil Court (including the High Court) during the year amounted to Rs. 21,56,062 (Rs. 22,24,231) and Rs. 19,14,023 (Rs. 2,006,128), respectively.

Advocates.

181. The number of Advocates enrolled during the year was 250 (231). At the end of the year the number

on the roll was 1,701, of whom 177 were from outside Mysore State.

Pleaders.

182. The total number of Pleaders on the roll on the last day of the year was 1,212 (1,183). The number of Pleaders newly enrolled was 29 and 13 Pleaders were enrolled as Advocates.

(vi) Prisons.

183. The policy of the Department with regard to administration of Jails and Lock-ups was aimed at training the prisoners for adjusting themselves as respectful Citizens. With this object in view, several administrative measures providing facilities to occupy their full-time and energy during the period of their confinement in the Jails were introduced.

184. The benefit of release on Parole for 10 days provided as per rules in respect of long-term prisoners was liberally extended to them. Convicts in the Central Jail Bangalore, were detailed for extra-mural work in the construction of Vidhana Soudha, Bangalore.

185. The health, discipline and conduct of prisoners were on the whole satisfactory during the year.

186. The Central Jail, Bangalore, the Central Jail, Bellary, the Alipuram Jail, Bellary and one Jail at Mysore continued to function during the year.

187. Seven District Lock-ups were working in all the District Headquarters (except Bangalore, Mysore and Bellary).

188. The Special Lock-ups at Kolar Gold Fields and at Davangere were functioning.

189. There were twenty Taluk Lock-ups working in important Taluk Headquarters and four Sub-Jails at Bellary, Kudiligi, Hospet and Harpanahalli.

190. As usual, surgeons of the Medical Department were in charge of the Lock-ups in the District Lock-ups as *ex-officio* officers, subject to the general control and supervision of the District Magistrate of the concerned Districts. Whenever female prisoners were admitted in the Lock-ups, the required temporary female guards were employed for the periods.